

GOVERNMENT OF TALANGANA
ABSTRACT

T.S. Forest Conservation Act – Diversion of **4.3762** Ha of Forest land in Lankapalli RF of Sathupally division for Construction of New BG Railway Line between Bhadrachalam Road – Sathupalli in Khammam District in favour of South Central Railway, Secunderabad– **Final (stage-II)** approval accorded – Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT
G.O.Ms.No. 3

Dated: 14-02-2020

Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF (HoFF) T.S., Hyd., Rc.No.15360/2018/FCA-3/PS, Dt.27.05.2019.
2. State Govt. Lr.No.2145/For.I (1)/2019, Dt:13.06.2019.
3. From GoI, MoEF & CC, Chennai, F.No.4-TSB157/2019-CHN/1001, Dt.21.06.2019.
4. From the PCCF (HoFF) T.S., Hyd., Rc.No.15360/2018/FCA-3/PS, Dt.04.10.2019.
5. Govt. Letter No.2145/For.I(1)/2019, Dated:05.11.2019.
6. From GoI, MoEF & CC, Chennai, F.No.4-TSB157/2019-CHN/1811, Dt.20.11.2019.

ORDER

In his letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), T.S. Hyderabad has submitted a proposal for diversion of **4.3762** Ha of Forest land in Lankapalli RF of Sathupally division for Construction of New BG Railway Line between Bhadrachalam Road – Sathupalli in Khammam District in favour of South Central Railway, Secunderabad.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the proposal in para-1 above was forwarded to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai for according necessary approval under section -2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980.

3. In their letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Chennai have conveyed Central Government's approval in **in-principle (Stage-I)** for the proposal, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

4. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by Government of India, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai for according necessary approval.

5. In their letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para 1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of **4.3762** Ha of Forest land in Lankapalli RF of Sathupally division for Construction of New BG Railway Line between Bhadrachalam Road – Sathupalli in Khammam District in favour of South Central Railway, Secunderabad.

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The State Forest Department shall carry out demarcation of the boundary of the diverted forest land from the amount realized from the Use Agency before execution of the project;

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3. The Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the State Department over 11.00 ha of degraded forest area identified in Compt No 174 of Lankapalli RF & Section, Ramachandrapuram Beat, Sathupally Range from the amount realized from the User Agency.
4. The approved CA land and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
5. Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;
6. The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
7. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the railway line at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/Forest Areas;
8. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
9. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
10. Sufficient firewood, preferable the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Department Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
11. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
12. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
13. The forest land proposed to the diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;
14. Pre-fabricated structures should be used to the maximum possible extent to reduce the extent of disturbance in the habitat;
15. The debris/earth excavated during the track laying work should be disposed off or reused suitably so that the natural drainage of the area is not blocked. Materials to be used for construction of new tracks should be brought from outside the forest area;
16. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible.
17. The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees, wherever feasible, instead of felling, from the amount realized from the User Agency;
18. Work shall be taken up only during day time;

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19. The User Agency shall construct enough number of bridges for connecting the wild life corridors on either side of railway track at the project cost in consultation with the Forest Department;
 20. In case of any steep slope arising out along the alignment, the slope should be reduced to facilitate movement of wild animals, especially heavy bodied and slow moving animals.
 21. Appropriate soil conservation measures shall be taken to reduce silt load in the run-off to avoid negative impact on the water bodies;
 22. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.3762 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
 23. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all acts, rules, regulations, Court orders and guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the railway line projects;
 24. Any other condition that the DDG(Central), Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area shall be complied by the User Agency;
 25. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as decided by the DDG (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.
7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad shall take further action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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SECTION OFFICER